

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC)

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

9:00pm - 9:50pm Conference Call

Executive Chair Khayree Fitten called the meeting to order at 9:02pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mimi Barney, Annika Bergstrom, Jacob Bundt, Jeff Critchlow, Hannah Cross, Zack Elsner, Khayree Fitten, Skyler Hill-Norby, Eli Kirschbaum (9:11), Lilly Lenning, Blake McGhghy (9:05), Zachary Stephenson, Natalie Te Grootenhuis

Members Absent: Bradlee Birchansky, Umar Farooq, Raeann Hanlon, Jessa Marfal, Jacob Mayer, Quincy McGee

Also Present: Renee Mallo, SIYAC Coordinator

Quorum is present

ACTION ITEM:

Jacob Bundt moved to approve the minutes from the 3rd Quarter Meeting on March 5th. Skyler seconded. --No discussion-- MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEM:

Executive Chair Khayree Fitten explained that the three committee chairs - Zack Elsner, Jessa Marfal, and Jacob Mayer - were eligible for the quarterly officer position. Service chair Mimi Barney was also eligible. A roll call vote was taken, with Zack Elsner elected by a majority at 9: 08pm.

Council Member	Vote
Barney, Mimi	Zack
Bergstrom, Annika	Mimi
Birchansky, Bradlee	absent

Bundt, Jacob	Zack
Critchlow, Jeffrey	Zack
Cross, Hannah	Zack
Elsner, Zack	abstain
Farooq, Umar	absent
Fitten, Khayree	abstain
Hanlon, Raeann	absent
Hill-Norby, Skyler	Zack
Kirschbaum, Eli	absent
Lenning, Lilly	Mimi
Marfal, Jessa	absent
Mayer, Jacob	absent
McGee, Quincy	absent
McGhghy, Blake	Zack
Stephenson, Zachary	Zack
Te Grootenhuis, Natalie	Zack

Committee Updates:

9:09 -- Education Committee -- Chair Zack Elsner reported that the committee will meet with Iowa Department of Education Director Glass in April. At that time, they plan to develop two additional position statements regarding the legislature's education reform plan. They hopefully will then be able to move on to do one more project, which will lead the way into next year's committee work.

9:11 -- Health and Wellness -- Khayree reported for the Health and Wellness committee on Jessa's behalf. The committee is currently looking to see what else is attainable for the remainder of the term, including the possibility of attending more workshops this month. Questions were taken about a significant outreach project. Jessa plans to coordinate such a project in the near future.

9:12 -- Violence Awareness -- Khayree reported for the committee on Jacob Mayer's behalf. The committee continues to be in contact with the Iowa Hall of Pride about developing a printed brochure or packet to be distributed to schools. The document would support violence prevention from the perspective of youth.

Legislative Affairs Update:

9:13 -- Jeff Critchlow informed the Council that SIYAC-supported HF 2344/SF 2247, an bill regarding implementation of terminology changes in the Iowa Code, had passed in the Iowa Legislature with bipartisan support. Jeff continues to follow up on legislation pertaining to the Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) proposal and the education reform blueprint.

Service Update:

9:16 -- Service Chair Mimi Barney reminded members that everyone is required to volunteer for two service projects. The Global Youth Day of Service is coming up on April 20-22. Members are invited to participate in a GYSD event for one of their service projects. Mimi continues to communicate with many community service organizations statewide. Khayree added that a benefit of participating in GYSD is that members can support local businesses if they volunteer at a project in their region. It will also be a source of positive SIYAC outreach.

Accountability and Communication:

9:20 -- Khayree reiterated the importance of meeting all requirements, including monthly completion of individual member forms. If the forms are not completed by deadline, the Executive Committee will introduce formal reprimands. Renee agreed that communication is vital to ensuring that everyone is involved and that SIYAC is successful. Additionally, any input from current members about SIYAC's proceedings is important for the benefit of future members.

Discussion of Proposed Position Statements:

9:24 -- *Parent Liaisons*

Blake McGhghy explained that he wrote the statement because he felt that parent involvement in K-12 education is very important to maintaining high-performing schools. Creating paid parent liaison positions will foster involvement and cooperation between parents and their children's schools. Blake clarified that the parent liaisons would be part of the school faculty already.

9:28 -- *Statewide ACT Test*

Zack Elsner said that if this portion of the governor's reform blueprint is signed into law, all eleventh-grade students in Iowa would take state-funded ACT exams. The Iowa Assessments would be phased out for juniors.

9:33 -- *Project Lead the Way*

Zack Elsner advised the Council to dismiss this position statement, since he has found that it's not a topic that will be debated much during the remainder of the current legislative session.

ACTION ITEM:

VOTE ON PROPOSED POSITION STATEMENTS

9:35 -- Eli Kirschbaum moved to approve the Parent Liaison position statement. Jacob Bundt seconded. Motion approved with unanimous consent.

9:36 -- Eli moved to approved the ACT position statement. Jeff seconded. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The position statement was adopted.

Council Member	Vote
Barney, Mimi	yea
Bergstrom, Annika	yea
Birchansky, Bradlee	absent
Bundt, Jacob	yea
Critchlow, Jeffrey	nay
Cross, Hannah	yea
Elsner, Zack	nay
Farooq, Umar	absent

Fitten, Khayree	abstain
Hanlon, Raeann	absent
Hill-Norby, Skyler	yea
Kirschbaum, Eli	nay
Lenning, Lilly	nay
Marfal, Jessa	absent
Mayer, Jacob	absent
McGee, Quincy	absent
McGhghy, Blake	nay
Stephenson, Zachary	yea
Te Grootenhuis, Natalie	yea

9:39 -- Eli moved to approve the PLTW statement. Jacob Bundt seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The position statement was adopted by unanimous consent.

Announcements:

9:40 -- Renee thanked Jeff and Khayree for attending the March 28th ICYD meeting. She also notified the Council that the updated SIYAC powerpoint would be emailed out to members by March 29. Officer elections for next year will take place at the fourth quarter meeting in May. Members may nominate themselves or someone else for a position via email by April 16. To expedite the recruiting process for next year, members should let Renee know if they will not continue to participate in SIYAC. Khayree announced that the Executive Committee will hold a conference call next week to amend the bylaws.

Adjournment:

9:49 -- Eli moved to adjourn. Jeff seconded. --MOTION CARRIED.